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RECIPIENT TYPE: Not for Profit			Send Payment Request to: Las Vegas Finance Center FAX # 702-798-2423		
RECIPIENT: Northwest Sustainable Energy for Economic Development 1402 3rd Avenue, Suite 901 Seattle, WA 98101-2917 EIN: (b) (6)			PAYEE: Northwest Sustainable Energy for Economic Development 1402 3rd Avenue, Suite 901 Seattle, WA 98101-2917		
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PROJECT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION Renewable Energy Farm Walks The goal of this project is to provide peer-to-peer education and resources regarding on-farm applications of renewable energy to farmers that are new to the idea and/or are in need of guidance on proper installation and usage. Four Renewable Energy Farm Walks will be conducted with complete follow up technical assistance to program participants. Farms walks will focus on renewable energy technology use and will be offered throughout Washington state in counties that have high representation of agricultural producers and good resource potential for renewable energy generation, particularly solar and wind energy.					
BUDGET PERIOD 06/01/2015 - 05/31/2016		PROJECT PERIOD 06/01/2015 - 05/31/2016		TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST \$30,000.00	
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NOTICE OF AWARD					
Based on your Application dated 01/08/2015 including all modifications and amendments, the United States acting by and through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby awards \$30,000. EPA agrees to cost-share <u>100.00%</u> of all approved budget period costs incurred, up to and not exceeding total federal funding of \$30,000. Recipient's signature is not required on this agreement. The recipient demonstrates its commitment to carry out this award by either: 1) drawing down funds within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date; or 2) not filing a notice of disagreement with the award terms and conditions within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. If the recipient disagrees with the terms and conditions specified in this award, the authorized representative of the recipient must furnish a notice of disagreement to the EPA Award Official within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. In case of disagreement, and until the disagreement is resolved, the recipient should not draw down on the funds provided by this award/amendment, and any costs incurred by the recipient are at its own risk. This agreement is subject to applicable EPA regulatory and statutory provisions, all terms and conditions of this agreement and any attachments.					
ISSUING OFFICE (GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE)			AWARD APPROVAL OFFICE		
ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS EPA Region 10 Mail Code: OMP-173 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900 Seattle, WA 98101			ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS U.S. EPA, Region 10 Office of Ecosystems Tribal and Public Affairs 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900 Seattle, WA 98101		
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY					
Digital signature applied by EPA Award Official Tony Fournier - Acting Manager - Grants and Interagency Agreements Unit				DATE 06/26/2015	

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FUNDS	FORMER AWARD	THIS ACTION	AMENDED TOTAL
EPA Amount This Action	\$	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
EPA In-Kind Amount	\$	\$	\$ 0
Unexpended Prior Year Balance	\$	\$	\$ 0
Other Federal Funds	\$	\$	\$ 0
Recipient Contribution	\$	\$	\$ 0
State Contribution	\$	\$	\$ 0
Local Contribution	\$	\$	\$ 0
Other Contribution	\$	\$	\$ 0
Allowable Project Cost	\$ 0	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000

Assistance Program (CFDA)	Statutory Authority	Regulatory Authority
66.604 - Environmental Justice Small Grants Program for Community Research	Clean Air Act: Sec. 103(b)(3)	2 CFR 200 2 CFR 1500 and 40 CFR 33

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Budget Summary Page

Table A - Object Class Category (Non-construction)	Total Approved Allowable Budget Period Cost
1. Personnel	\$11,930
2. Fringe Benefits	\$2,117
3. Travel	\$2,530
4. Equipment	\$0
5. Supplies	\$1,530
6. Contractual	\$6,048
7. Construction	\$0
8. Other	\$4,440
9. Total Direct Charges	\$28,595
10. Indirect Costs: % Base	\$1,405
11. Total (Share: Recipient <u>0.00</u> % Federal <u>100.00</u> %.)	\$30,000
12. Total Approved Assistance Amount	\$30,000
13. Program Income	\$0
14. Total EPA Amount Awarded This Action	\$30,000
15. Total EPA Amount Awarded To Date	\$30,000

Administrative Conditions

1. General Terms and Conditions

The recipient agrees to comply with the current EPA general terms and conditions available at: http://www.epa.gov/ogd/tc/general_tc_applicable_aa_recipients_dec_26_2014.pdf. These terms and conditions are in addition to the assurances and certifications made as part of the award and terms, conditions or restrictions cited below.

The EPA repository for the general terms and conditions by year can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/ogd/tc.htm>.

2. Consultant Cap - Additional Information

In addition to the General Terms and Conditions #6 "Consultant Cap", as of January 1, 2015, the limit is \$608.34 per day \$76.04 per hour.

NOTE: For future years' limits, the recipient may find the annual salary for Level IV of the Executive Schedule on the following Internet site: <http://www.opm.gov/oca>. Select "Salary and Wages", and select "Rates of Pay for the Executive Schedule". The annual salary is divided by 2087 hours to determine the maximum hourly rate, which is then multiplied by 8 to determine the maximum daily rate.

3. UTILIZATION OF SMALL, MINORITY AND WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (MBE/WBE)

GENERAL COMPLIANCE, 40 CFR, Part 33

The recipient agrees to comply with the requirements of EPA's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program for procurement activities under assistance agreements, contained in 40 CFR, Part 33.

REPORTING PROVISION

MBE/WBE reporting is required annually for assistance agreements where there are funds budgeted for procuring construction, equipment, services and supplies, including funds budgeted for direct procurement by the recipient or procurement under subawards or loans in the "Other" category, that exceed the threshold amount of \$150,000, including amendments and/or modifications.

Based on EPA's review of the planned budget, this award does not meet the condition above and is not subject to the reporting requirements of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program. However, if during the performance of the award the total of all funds expended for direct procurement by the recipient and procurement under subawards or loans in the "Other" category exceeds \$150,000, annual reports will be required in accordance with the reporting paragraph below and you are required to notify your grant specialist for additional instructions.

The recipient also agrees to request prior approval from EPA for procurements that may activate DBE Program reporting requirements.

This provision represents an approved deviation from the MBE/WBE reporting requirements as described in 40 CFR, Part 33, Section 33.502; however, the other requirements outlined in 40 CFR Part 33 remain in effect, including the Good Faith Efforts requirements as described in 40 CFR Part 33 Subpart C and Fair Share Objectives negotiation as described in 40 CFR Part 33 Subpart D and explained below.

MBE/WBE REPORTING, 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart E

When required, MBE/WBE reports must be submitted annually. The recipient agrees to complete and submit a "MBE/WBE Utilization Under Federal Grants, Cooperative Agreements and Interagency Agreements" report (EPA Form 5700-52A) on an annual basis. All procurement actions are reportable, not

just that portion which exceeds \$150,000.

When completing the annual report, recipients are instructed to check the box titled “annual” in section 1B of the form. For the final report, recipients are instructed to check the box indicated for the “last report” of the project in section 1B of the form. Annual reports are due by October 30th of each year. Final reports are due by October 30th or 90 days after the end of the project period, whichever comes first.

The reporting requirement is based on total procurements. Recipients with expended and/or budgeted funds for procurement are required to report annually whether the planned procurements take place during the reporting period or not. If no budgeted procurements take place during the reporting period, the recipient should check the box in section 5B when completing the form.

The current EPA Form 5700-52A can be found at the EPA Office of Small Business Program’s Home Page at http://www.epa.gov/osbp/dbe_reporting.htm

SIX GOOD FAITH EFFORTS, 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart C

Pursuant to 40 CFR, Section 33.301, the recipient agrees to make the following good faith efforts whenever procuring construction, equipment, services and supplies under an EPA financial assistance agreement, and to require that sub-recipients, loan recipients, and prime contractors also comply. Records documenting compliance with the six good faith efforts shall be retained:

- (a) Ensure DBEs are made aware of contracting opportunities to the fullest extent practicable through outreach and recruitment activities. For Indian Tribal, State and Local and Government recipients, this will include placing DBEs on solicitation lists and soliciting them whenever they are potential sources.
- (b) Make information on forthcoming opportunities available to DBEs and arrange time frames for contracts and establish delivery schedules, where the requirements permit, in a way that encourages and facilitates participation by DBEs in the competitive process. This includes, whenever possible, posting solicitations for bids or proposals for a minimum of 30 calendar days before the bid or proposal closing date.
- (c) Consider in the contracting process whether firms competing for large contracts could subcontract with DBEs. For Indian Tribal, State and local Government recipients, this will include dividing total requirements when economically feasible into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by DBEs in the competitive process.
- (d) Encourage contracting with a consortium of DBEs when a contract is too large for one of these firms to handle individually.
- (e) Use the services and assistance of the SBA and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.
- (f) If the prime contractor awards subcontracts, require the prime contractor to take the steps in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section.

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION PROVISIONS, 40 CFR, Section 33.302

The recipient agrees to comply with the contract administration provisions of 40 CFR, Section 33.302.

BIDDERS LIST, 40 CFR, Section 33.501(b) and (c)

Recipients of a Continuing Environmental Program Grant or other annual reporting grant, agree to create and maintain a bidders list. Recipients of an EPA financial assistance agreement to capitalize a revolving loan fund also agree to require entities receiving identified loans to create and maintain a bidders list if the recipient of the loan is subject to, or chooses to follow, competitive bidding requirements. Please see 40

CFR, Section 33.501 (b) and (c) for specific requirements and exemptions.

FAIR SHARE OBJECTIVES, 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart D

1. For Grant Awards \$250,000 or Less

This assistance agreement is a Technical Assistance Grant (TAG); or the award amount is \$250,000 or less; or the total dollar amount of all of the recipient's financial assistance agreements from EPA in the current Federal fiscal year is \$250,000 or less. Therefore, the recipient of this assistance agreement is exempt from the fair share objective requirements of 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart D, and is not required to negotiate fair share objectives/goals for the utilization of MBE/WBEs in its procurements.

2. For Recipients Accepting Goals

A recipient must negotiate with the appropriate EPA award official, or his/her designee, fair share objectives for MBE and WBE participation in procurement under the financial assistance agreements.

In accordance with 40 CFR, Section 33.411 some recipients may be exempt from the fair share objectives requirements as described in 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart D. Recipients should work with their DBE coordinator, if they think their organization may qualify for an exemption.

Accepting the Fair Share Objectives/Goals of Another Recipient

The dollar amount of this assistance agreement, or the total dollar amount of all of the recipient's financial assistance agreements in the current federal fiscal year from EPA is \$250,000, or more. The recipient accepts the applicable MBE/WBE fair share objectives/goals negotiated with EPA. The Region 10 fair share objectives/goals can be found: http://www.epa.gov/osbp/pdfs/r10_fair_share_goals.pdf.

By signing this financial assistance agreement, the recipient is accepting the fair share objectives/goals and attests to the fact that it is purchasing the same or similar construction, supplies, services and equipment, in the same or similar relevant geographic buying market.

Negotiating Fair Share Objectives/Goals, 40 CFR, Section 33.404

The recipient has the option to negotiate its own MBE/WBE fair share objectives/goals. If the recipient wishes to negotiate its own MBE/WBE fair share objectives/goals, the recipient agrees to submit proposed MBE/WBE objectives/goals based on an availability analysis, or disparity study, of qualified MBEs and WBEs in their relevant geographic buying market for construction, services, supplies and equipment.

The submission of proposed fair share goals with the supporting analysis or disparity study means that the recipient is **not** accepting the fair share objectives/goals of another recipient. The recipient agrees to submit proposed fair share objectives/goals, together with the supporting availability analysis or disparity study, to the Regional MBE/WBE Coordinator within 120 days of its acceptance of the financial assistance award. EPA will respond to the proposed fair share objective/goals within 30 days of receiving the submission. If proposed fair share objective/goals are not received within the 120 day time frame, the recipient may not expend its EPA funds for procurements until the proposed fair share objective/goals are submitted.

3. For Recipients with Established Goals

The recipient must negotiate with the appropriate EPA award official, or his/her designee, fair share objectives for MBE and WBE participation in procurement under the financial assistance agreements.

In accordance with 40 CFR, Section 33.411 some recipients may be exempt from the fair share objectives requirements described in 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart D. Recipients should work with their DBE coordinator, if they think their organization may qualify for an exemption.

Current Fair Share Objective/Goal

The dollar amount of this assistance agreement or the total dollar amount of all of the recipient's financial assistance agreements in the current federal fiscal year from EPA is \$250,000, or more. The Region 10 fair share objectives/goals can be found: http://www.epa.gov/osbp/pdfs/r10_fair_share_goals.pdf.

Negotiating Fair Share Objectives/Goals

In accordance with 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart D, established goals/objectives remain in effect for three fiscal years unless there are significant changes to the data supporting the fair share objectives. The recipient is required to follow requirements as outlined in 40 CFR Part 33, Subpart D when renegotiating the fair share objectives/goals.

Region 10 DBE Coordinator

Greg Luchey at (206) 553-2967 or email: Luchey.Greg@epa.gov. The coordinator can answer any MBE/WBE reporting questions you may have. MBE/WBE reports should be sent to the EPA Region 10, Grants and Interagency Agreements Unit, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900, OMP-173, Seattle, WA 98101 or FAX to (206) 553-4957.

1. Indirect Costs - EPA 10% Default Rate

As agreed to by the recipient, the indirect costs funded by this award are limited to 10% of salaries and wages only. **By accepting this assistance agreement, the recipient agrees to use this rate for the life of the agreement.**

When the actual costs for this period have been determined, any overpayment of indirect costs from this assistance agreement shall be repaid to EPA at the time of the close out of this agreement and submission of the final Federal Financial Report (SF-425). Repayments shall be sent to:

US Environmental Protection Agency
Las Vegas Finance Center
Box 979087
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

The recipient also acknowledges that permission to use this rate is contingent on taking significant steps to obtain a current indirect cost rate agreement.

Programmatic Conditions

1. Semi-annual Performance Reports

The recipient shall submit one copy of a short written summary report for each six month period throughout the duration of the project period. The semi-annual report should include an overview of the activities that have taken place during the six month period. Refer to 40 CFR 30.51(d) for guidance on information that should be included in the reports. Reports are due to the EPA Project Officer 30 days after the six month period and are based on the start date of the project period shown in the assistance agreement.

If the project period ends at a six month period, a final report will be accepted in lieu of that semi-annual report.

In addition to the semi-annual performance reports, the recipient shall immediately notify the EPA Project Officer of developments that have a significant impact on the award-supported activities. Also, notification shall be given in the case of problems, delays, or adverse conditions which materially impair the ability to meet the objectives of the award. This notification shall include a statement of the action taken or contemplated, and any assistance needed to resolve the situation.

2. Final Performance Report

Within 90 days after the end of the project period the recipient agrees to submit **two** copies of the final project report to the EPA Project Officer. The report must clearly address the items below:

- a. An abstract or overview of the project in terms of its overall process and outcomes. Indicate which eligible activities and or EPA criteria were addressed and how these were fulfilled.
- b. Include information on the target audience, such as (local residents, community activists, businesses, etc.), and demographics of the target audience.
- c. What findings or information were gained that could contribute to addressing environmental injustices.
- d. Description of evaluation measures and results. Include evaluation tools where applicable.
- e. Plans for dissemination of project results in terms of method of dissemination and target audience (i.e., conference presentations, educator networks, community forums, etc.).
- f. Were any problems encountered that prohibited the completion of the project goals or objectives? If yes, how were they overcome?
- g. Provide an overview of expenditures and budget. What changes were made to the budget, if any? Were expenditures made as planned?
- h. What benefits were gained from this program?
- i. How could EPA have been more effective in assisting you with this project? For example, were EPA's priorities and directives in the solicitation notice clearly stated?

After review of the final report, the EPA Project Officer may request additional information from the recipient. Once the EPA Project Officer receives an acceptable final report, the Project Officer will keep one copy and send a copy to a national clearing house of environmental justice materials. In addition to the report, the recipient should also supply **two** copies to EPA of all tangible final products that were created for the purposes of the funded project (i.e., videos, research findings, curriculum, presentations, etc.). If an exhibit, slide show, or other item was created that is too large and/or expensive to duplicate, photos or transcripts of the product may be substituted.

3. Use of Data - Intangible Property

The recipient agrees to comply with the provisions of 40 CFR 30.36 or 40 CFR 31.34, as applicable.

4. Acknowledgment of Sponsorship

EPA encourages recipients to include an acknowledgment of the sponsoring program, when appropriate, on fliers, agendas, and at meetings, etc. A suggested statement is: "This project is sponsored through or in part by an Environmental Justice Grant from the Environmental Protection Agency under assistance agreement EQ-00J99501 to NW Seed."

5. Food Policy

Unless the event(s) and all of its components (i.e., receptions, banquets and other activities that take place after normal business hours) are described in the approved workplan, the recipient agrees to obtain prior approval from EPA for the use of grant funds for light refreshments and/or meals served at meetings, conferences, training workshops, and outreach activities (events). The recipient must send requests for approval to the EPA Project Officer and include :

- (1) An estimated budget and description for the light refreshments , meals, and/or beverages to be served at the event(s);
- (2) A description of the purpose, agenda, location, length and timing for the event.
- (3) An estimated number of participants in the event and a description of their roles .

Recipients may address questions about whether costs for light refreshments , and meals for events are allowable to the recipient's EPA Project Officer . However, the Agency Award Official or Grant Management Officer will make final determinations on allowability. Agency policy prohibits the use of EPA funds for receptions , banquets and similar activities that take place after normal business hours unless the recipient has provided a justification that has been expressly approved by EPA 's Award Official or Grants Management Officer.

Note: U.S. General Services Administration regulations define light refreshments for morning, afternoon or evening breaks to include , but not be limited to, coffee, tea, milk, juice, soft drinks, donuts, bagels, fruit, pretzels, cookies, chips, or muffins. (41 CFR 301-74.11)